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A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Richard Cole at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Dorning, Misenar, and Plackett. Ms. McCormick arrived at 7:39 p.m.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS PAINE AND COUNCILMEMBER ROBINSON

Motion by Mr. Misenar, second by Ms. Dorning, to excuse Councilmembers Paine and Robinson. Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Dorning, second by Mr. Misenar, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2003
- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#155870 through 156018; and
#113469 through 114051 \$1,207,713.67

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#208353 through 208726 \$3,308,417.75

- (3) approve Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 1 with the Watershed Company, for final design services for the Lower Peters Creek Culvert Replacement at 151 Avenue NE, Project No. 00-NR-75, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 including contingencies; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement
- (4) approve Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 1 with the Watershed Company for final design services for the Lower Peters Creek Culvert Enhancement Projects, Nos. 02-NR-25 and 02-NR-26, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 including contingencies; authorize staff to secure easements and property

agreements as needed to construct the project; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

- (5) accept plat improvements for Fox Hollow (PRD 99-002/PPL 98-003), and authorize release of the plat bond
- (6) authorize the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to receive Redmond's share of state funds (approximately \$81,971 per year for two years) to administer the Commute Trip Reduction law through June 30, 2005
- (7) adopt Ordinance No. 2174, amending the Redmond Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 5.60 pertaining to the franchising and regulation of cable and open video system, and their use and occupancy of rights-of-way to provide cable and open video services, and superseding existing Chapter 5.60, which was presented and read
- (9) approve Resolution No. 1176, supporting a state Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, which was presented and read.

(Councilmember McCormick arrived)

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Misenar, and Plackett voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (5 - 0).

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS FOR KING COUNTY MONORAIL INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 21

Councilmember Cole said he pulled this item because the petition did not qualify for the November 2003 ballot. He said the petition will probably be changed and the Council may want to have some discussion about the initiative in February or March 2004 when the new petition is circulated for signatures.

Councilmember Misenar agreed with the reasons for not passing the resolution tonight. He said he hoped the Council would support whatever comes forward.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor Pro Tempore announced a community meeting regarding noise from the summer concerts at Marymoor Park on Monday, September 22, 2003 at the Clise Mansion. He said this will be the final meeting with King County staff and surrounding residents.

REPORTS

Staff Report - City Hall Project Update

David Rhodes, Public Works Director, said the presentations from the three architectural consultants is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. He discussed the room configuration to accommodate the presenters and the Council and TV audience. He reminded the Council and the audience of the open houses on Thursday, September 11, 2003, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 13, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Old Library Conference Room. The packet to be distributed on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, will contain the background information on the three firms and the schedule.

Staff Report - NE 83 Street Corridor Design Preferred Alternative

Jeanne Koetje, Transportation Project Engineer, and Joel Pfundt, Senior Transportation Planner, in a memorandum to the City Council dated September 2, 2003, provided the Council with information about the Preferred Alternative for the NE 83 Street Corridor Project, the design goals, the community involvement process, and a brief description of the alternative, to ensure that the design concept is headed in the right direction.

Councilmember Misenar said he liked angle parking, but wondered about the acquisition of right-of-way in front of Redmond Medical Center. Mr. Pfundt responded the Redmond Medical Center has been very supportive of the idea of additional parking in the corridor. He said the design concept would not interfere with the Redmond Medical Center parking lot. However, he concluded, it would reduce the landscaping that divides the sidewalk and the parking lot, and there would probably have to be some modification to the utility easement for landscaping.

Councilmember Misenar wondered is the city building a parking lot for just the Redmond Medical Center, since there is no other business in the area. Mr. Pfundt replied the small businesses in Lionsgate and the residents have expressed a desire for more parking.

Councilmember Misenar recalled that the city limited the parking at Lionsgate to encourage people to take the bus, and now it is proposing to build more parking for Lionsgate - the city seems to be sending conflicting messages. Roberta Lewandowski, Director, Planning and Community Development, explained that the city did not limit parking at Lionsgate. She said, in general, the city tried to encourage residents to park onsite and the businesses to use on-street parking, but as the small businesses develop there will be more of a need for on-street parking. She added the city would encourage on-street parking rather than having individual lots for the businesses. She noted the city's long-term goal is for people to walk around downtown, but people will be coming to the restaurants in that area from farther away, and will need to park. She stated eventually the city will have enough people and businesses downtown to support the restaurants, but at this point it is in a transition period. Ms. Lewandowski concluded, in the long run, the city will probably have to manage parking so that the employees park in a paid lot or take the bus, and short-term visitors can park on the street.

Councilmember McCormick wondered why does the Preferred Alternative need to come before the Planning and Public Works Committee. Mr. Pfundt answered that the next step is to take the overall design concept and develop an intersection improvement project that will balance how much can be accomplished with potential funding sources, and staff wanted to take that to the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Councilmember McCormick wondered about the requirement for wider sidewalks. Mr. Pfundt replied in this corridor it is desirable to have eight feet of space as clear sidewalk, so two people walking abreast can continue to walk as someone comes toward them, without having to go single file; or can pass by people looking in a window at Lionsgate, or a planter.

Councilmember McCormick asked how many trees will have to be removed? Mr. Pfundt replied he did not have that information tonight, but would get it and provide it to the Council.

Councilmember Dorning said she liked the design and was not opposed to the additional parking being provided because guests of downtown residents and people frequenting restaurants need to be able to park on the street. She urged that the alignment section between 158 Avenue NE and 164 Avenue (through the park-and-ride lot) be constructed first. She asked for a cost projection. Mr. Pfundt responded that the information would be available in the next week or so.

Councilmember Plackett said parking is very important to the restaurants, and she is in favor of increasing the availability of parking.

At the request of Councilmember Plackett, Mr. Pfundt described the proposed changes to the bus turnaround area.

Councilmember Cole said he attended the open house and really liked the parking plan, which he thought was critical. He expressed a concern that the 14-foot sidewalk might be too wide for the amount of traffic and the costs would be greater.

Councilmember McCormick suggested that staff identify three different locations with three different sidewalk widths as comparison information for the Council.

Staff Report - West Lake Sammamish Parkway Project

Councilmember McCormick asked about the two pieces of wood on the east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway at NE 51 Street. Bill Campbell, City Engineer, replied it might be part of the retaining wall; he will check on it and report back.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Cole said he heard concerns from several people about traffic speed on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, and asked the Police Department to do some extra enforcement of speed in the area.

In response to citizen concerns, Councilmember Plackett requested additional traffic enforcement around Redmond High School. She also recalled that three people in the Abbey Road neighborhood are concerned about the gate behind the high school being open.

Councilmember Plackett said she left a message for Bob Franklin, Stormwater Division Manager, regarding the detention pond behind the new Redmond Junior High. She said homeowners along NE 99 Street are concerned; they have been trying to work with the city and the school district because the pond is not well landscaped and there is a huge bug problem.

Councilmember Plackett noted that she had forwarded an email to the Council regarding the Village at Overlake Station.

Councilmember Misenar said he made a career change several months ago, and as a result his life has become increasingly busy, and he needs to balance his work and family life. He announced that he would resign from the City Council effective the end of October. He said he spoke to the City

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Attorney about it and was advised that it would be an opportune time for him to take this step. He thanked the Council, staff, and the citizens for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Misenar for his contributions to the Council and to the City of Redmond.

James E. Haney, City Attorney, said law provides for the filling of a vacancy on the City Council; the position will become vacant on the day of Councilmember Misenar's resignation, and the Council has ninety days from October 31, 2003 to fill the vacancy. He continued that because Councilmember Misenar's resignation is occurring less than twenty-eight days prior to the November 2003 election, the appointee will serve until the next municipal election in 2005. If his resignation had been more than twenty-eight days there would have been an election on the November 2003 ballot, he explained. He added the person elected in November 2005 will immediately take office, serve the remainder of Councilmember Misenar's term of one and one-half months, and start his/her four-year term on January 1, 2006. He concluded that if the Council does not appoint someone within ninety days, the King County Council will make the appointment, and if that body does not make the appointment within ninety days after that, the Governor will make the appointment.

In response to a question from Councilmember Plackett, Mr. Haney stated that the process for filling a Council vacancy is defined by the Council and voting would follow Robert's Rules of Order. A simple majority vote of the remaining six Councilmembers is required to make the decision.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor Pro Tempore declared meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

CITY CLERK